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Office Action Summary

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MAEKAWA ET AL.

Examiner

Satya B. Sastri

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to application filed on March 22, 2004. *Claims 1-4* are now pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. *Claims 1-4* is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Reynolds et al. (US 6,337,362).

Prior art to Reynolds et al discloses ultraviolet resistant premix compositions and articles using such compositions. The compositions include micronized zinc oxide UV blocking agent with at least one organic UV protective compound. Such compositions may be used in coatings, paints, finish and plastic articles formulations for imparting improved UV resistance (abstract). Specific examples of UV protective compounds that can be used include 2-isoamyl 4-methoxy cinnamate and 2-ethylhexyl 4-methoxy cinnamate (column 6, lines 48-53, column 10, lines 4-5). Representative examples of specific polymeric resins include polyvinylaromatic resins such as polystyrene, copolymers and terpolymers thereof, acrylic resins such as poly(methyl methacrylate) etc. (column 8, lines 38-62). Additionally, claims 6 and 11 of the prior art disclose

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compositions comprising acrylics and polyvinylaromatic resins and cinnamate based UV protective compound while claims 20 and 21 disclose a plastic article comprising the specific resin and UV protective compound recited in instant claims. The zinc oxide and organic UV blocking agent combination may be dispersed in the base resin of an article to be fabricated using conventional plastic compounding, molding or extrusion processes (column 8, lines 28-39). Thus, the instant claims are anticipated by the prior art.

With regard to the limitation "article is a light guide" recited in claim 4, it is the examiner's position that such a property would be inherently present in the molded article disclosed in the prior art.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satya Sastri at (571) 272 1112.

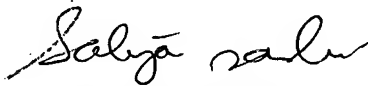
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached at (571) 272 1114.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273 8300.

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